

**APPENDIX A**

SCRUTINY TOPIC	SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS	WHAT HAPPENED/LEARNING?
<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>		
Call-in: Community Safety Best Value Review [July 2002]	Relevant umbrella organisations (SPCCG in this case) should be consulted on terms of ref for the review Review should look at support to isolated businesses	Exec member accepted recommendations
Call-in: Housing management best value review [Dec 2002]	Option for inclusion of sub-offices (within the overall framework set out in Option 4) should be explicitly included in the consultation on implementation, exec should formulate proposal for improvement of consultation and engagement with stakeholders, detailed consultation re implementation should be undertaken on the basis of the Tenant Participation Compact, and information should go to individual tenants and residents	Referred back to the exec  Executive reaffirmed its decision but instructed officers to address OSC's concerns in the implementation phase
Call-in: Early years best value review [Dec 2002]	That the Executive be asked to reconsider the affordability of the in-house charges for childcare for two or more children prior to budget-setting, to consider the experience of boroughs where changes to subsidy have led to the collapse of the community sector, and that future reports on Early Years should explicitly address the affordability of charges in excess of the maximum tax credit. That scrutiny should monitor the implementation of this strategy.	Referred back to the executive  Executive reaffirmed its original decision but instructed officers to report back in April and October 2003, specifically addressing OSC's concerns. Executive also asked the Strategic Director of Education and Culture to develop a discretionary payment scheme for families with 3 or more children under 5 years of age, and that this should be included in the April report.  Monitoring report came back to O&SC and Executive in June 2003. Members expressed

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		continuing concern and asked to officers to bring the October 2003 and February 2004 reports for pre-scrutiny. The October report should focus in more detail on affordability.
Call-in: Short life returns 2002 – Approval of Tender Package 1: Director of Housing delegated key decision [March 2003]	Director of Housing was asked to report to the executive on future short life returns, reviewing whether proposed schemes proposed represent value for money, and considering the option of sale properties on the open market, and a closed report on the council's anti-squatting strategy.	1st programmed for Sept 2003 (check) Squatting report [progress tbc]
Charter School capital overspend [Oct 2002]	<b>Scrutiny in progress. On Sept 2003 agenda</b>	
Draft community strategy [Nov 2002]	Comments from each of the scrutiny Sub-Committees were incorporated into strategy document subsequently endorsed by the LSP in January 2003.	OSC noted final strategy and agreed to act as a signpost for the ongoing review of the Community Strategy during 2003/04.
Corporate complaints procedure	<b>In progress – further report to October 2003 OSC.</b>	
<b>Community Support and Safety</b>		
Crime and Disorder Strategy 2002/5	That councillors on the SRB6 Board discuss with other Board members how best the council could support its strategic working	<b>Discussed with exec member during his formal interview with the committee. Environment and community support has followed this up – check reply</b>
Early review of Community Wardens Scheme	That council should press ODPM for environmental enforcement powers to be available to all warden schemes, that the standard recruitment process should be extended to increase potential recruitment of wardens from black and ethnic minority groups and women, and that all the warden schemes	<b>Ongoing issue - exec member has lobbied Home Office Minister re powers but they continue to be governed by the schemes' funding arrangements</b>  <b>Specific plans in place to encourage recruitment of black and ethnic minority</b>

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	should work towards fostering social inclusion and community development	<b>wardens to Bermondsey scheme</b>
Enviro Crime: Graffiti	a graffiti database, a conference of all involved agencies to improve their coordination, a voluntary code of conduct for shop keepers, and a public awareness campaign	<b>London-wide enviro-crime conference hosted by Southwark, geographically coded tags register in place, local scheme would follow on from development of London wide standard</b>
Neighbourhood renewal fund	asking members and officers on the LSP to exert influence to move to speedier allocation of NR funding and to ensure that small community groups have equal opportunity to access funds via the LSP	<b>Discussed with exec member, who provided further information on process.</b>
Disabilities	Customer focus work and BV review of external communication should specifically address needs of disabled people. Need to follow up Env & Transport's prev recommendations re accessibility of pedestrian crossings. Members should be offered disability awareness training. Scrutiny should continue to monitor development of work via Corporate Equalities Action Plan	
Fireworks display	that Peckham Rye Common was unsuitable venue, that the Council needs to be better satisfied as to the adequacy of policing arrangements for future firework displays, and that the committee should review in advance the plans for 2003 fireworks	
Alcohol licensing		<b>Carried forward to 2003/4 work programme for Environment &amp; Community Support</b>
<b>Education, Youth and Leisure</b>		
Review of draft post Ofsted Inspection Action	Scrutiny made best practice recommendations	<b>Exec accepted recommendations</b>

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Plan Oct 2002	around consultation and information provision on the plan and accessibility of the document. NB also agreed to review in a year's time – check against this year's work prog	
Secondary School Provision in East Dulwich	<b>John Elliott/Martin Wilcox</b>	
Behaviour management	<b>That officers should prepare a strategy for tackling low level disruption – to be incorporated into the behaviour improvement programme</b>	<b>Check exec response</b>
Exclusions and attendance	<b>Interim report – carried forward</b>	
Youth	<b>Interim report - Carried forward</b>	
<b>Environment and Transport</b>		
Best value review of highways infrastructure	<b>The Sub-Committee wrote to Cllr Thomas outlining recommendations from the BVR.</b>	<b>The improvement plan containing the Sub-Committee's input was submitted to the Executive in December 2002.</b>
Litter and dog fouling	<b>The Sub-Committee considered litter and dog fouling and resolved their key concerns.</b>	<b>? These issues will be considered by Environment and Community Support in Nov in conjunction with Housing when they undertake the review of anti-social behaviour.</b>
Recycling	Additional resources should be provided for a programme of publicity, education and awareness to encourage take up of recycling facilities	
Sustainability (green procurement)		
Environmental contracts		
Street wardens schemes		
<b>Finance and General Purposes</b>		
Community Councils Inquiry Report Oct 2002	Scrutiny report set out detailed recommendations for operation of community	Final report provided to Overview and Scrutiny, the Executive and Council Assembly. The

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	councils	recommendations were supported by each body. Learning point: it was generally accepted that there had not been enough time for the scrutiny, given the broad scope of the review and timetable for implementation. In 2003/4 work programmes, the review of community councils will be conducted jointly by Environment & Community Support and Finance and Economic Development
Capital Programme 2002/3		<b>The Sub-Committee made recommendations to the Executive Member in respect of the Capital Working Group.</b>
Review of proposals for Southwark Customer Service Centre	<b>F&amp;GP looked in some detail at the basis of the business case, questioned officers and took part in visit to Westminster CC. Recommended that scrutiny should monitor development of this work throughout 2003/4</b>	<b>OSC to follow up – dates?</b>
Annual budget scrutiny	<b>F&amp;GP reported that budget scrutiny was hampered by availability of information. Some specific discussions had taken place with the Exec Member but the process overall had not been successful. Recommendations were therefore principally around the scrutiny process for 2003/4 – that the Exec should present 2004/5 budget proposals to July scrutiny committee, that the committee should receive training in budget scrutiny The Sub-Committee considered the resource outcomes of the Best Value Reviews.</b>	<b>Finance and Economic Development (F&amp;ED) undertook IPF budget scrutiny training July 2003 Exec member attended F&amp;ED's July meeting to present proposals as per recommendation</b>

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Annual statement of accounts 2001/2		
Review of sickness management	<b>carried forward</b>	<b>to be picked up by O&amp;SC</b>
District Audit's management letter	<b>DA attended F&amp;GP - series of issues discussed and pursued by correspondence with Exec member for Finance</b>	<b>The Executive Member for Finance attended a F&amp;ED meeting on 22 July 2003 to provide a progress report on the recommendations made in the 2001/02 DA Management Letter.</b>
Council Tax and Housing Benefit Contract	The executive should consider in good time the proposal to extend the contract by 5 years and look in detail at the terms of the contract in regard to liquidated damages, open book accounting, the council's obligations within the contract, the bonus point for targets, and the role of external advisors in contract negotiations	Scrutiny recommendations fully addressed in the officer report to the executive. Learning point: officer report accepted some of scrutiny's recommendations but not others. How should this be fed back to scrutiny?
<b>Health and Social Care</b>		
Access to Primary Care	<b>This scrutiny focussed on access to GPs and made a series of recommendations to the PCT and the council about creating housing and employment arrangements that would attract GPs to the area, reducing pressure on GPs by maximising effectiveness of community pharmacies and voluntary sector organisations, improving public information around PCT's role in ensuring that all patients have access to a GP, ensuring joint work towards reducing health disparities and poverty, and exploring the provision of a SELDOC site in the north of the borough.</b>	
Modernising day care	<b>c/r annual report</b>	
<b>Housing and Regeneration</b>		

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Leaseholder repayment options – assistance for leaseholders in respect of service charges for major works [Oct 2002]	Scrutiny recommended that interest-free repayment scheme be extended from 2 to 3 years	Exec accepted recommendation
Enterprise Strategy and Local Strategic Partnership employment strategy [Sept 02 – May 03]	<p><b>Interim recommendations to Executive made to feed into existing consultation processes for each strategy:</b>  <b>Dec 2002 – Employment Strategy</b>  <b>Jan 2003 – Enterprise Strategy</b></p> <p><b>Final Enterprise Strategy brought back for consideration, following considerable development, in May 2003, after which H&amp;RSSC made final recommendations.</b></p>	<b>Exec noted the recommendations.</b>
New Unitary Development Plan [The Southwark Plan] [Feb – May 03]	c/r annual report	<b>Comments fed into UDP planning process – Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee will follow up when draft UDP published Dec 03/ Jan 04.</b>
Supply of affordable and key worker housing	<p><b>Key worker housing considered as part of the UDP review [see above entry].</b></p> <p><b>Sub-Committee recommended further scrutiny of definition of “affordable housing”.</b></p>	